

# ANN LANDERS



## So Now You Know

Dear Ann Landers: Sixteen years ago I began to date a very attractive man who was six years my junior. I told him I was 21, although I was 27 at the time. Never did I dream anything serious would come of our relationship.

That man is now my husband and we have had 15 wonderful years together. Last night he told me he must go to Europe on business and he wants me to go with him. This means I must produce my birth certificate in order to get a passport.

My husband is sure to see my passport at some point during the trip and then he would discover I lied to him about my age.

Don't advise me to confess. He has a thing about women who are older than their husbands. I've cringed many times when he has made cutting remarks about such couples in our social group.

Please tell me how to handle this and keep my secret. Undoubtedly other women have written to you with this problem. What did you tell them?—**OLDER THAN SPRINGTIME.**

Dear Springtime: I told them the same thing I'm going to tell you. Fess up and take your lumps. If your marriage is as wonderful as you say, the number on the passport won't mean a thing. Now you know what is meant by that "tangled web we weave when first we practice to deceive."

Dear Ann Landers: I was interested in your letter from the teenage girl who admitted she had done some shoplifting. Your advice to her was good, but I don't think you said enough. Please print the enclosed, which I read in the April, 1967, issue of Reader's Digest:

Professional security experts offer this advice to parents in the fight against youthful shoplifting:

1. Talk to your children. Explain that shoplifting is a crime, and that a criminal record is a lifelong shadow.
2. Emphasize that going along with the crowd for fear of being "chicken" is the coward's way out.
3. When your children go on group shopping expeditions, know how much money your child has, where the group is going, what they expect to buy.
4. If your child comes home with more merchandise than he or she had money to buy, ask about it. **AND DON'T TAKE EASY ANSWERS ABOUT WHERE IT CAME FROM.**
5. Be wary if a daughter goes shopping with an oversized purse. Purses are favorite "drops" for concealing pilfered goods.
6. Outlaw all clothes swapping unless the parents on both sides know what's being exchanged.
7. Practice what you preach. — **TRYING TO HELP.**

Dear Trying: The rules are all superb, but I would like to emphasize rule number one.

Authorities in the field of shoplifting tell us they encounter dozens of children every day who do not relate stealing with immorality. Parents must teach children at an early age that taking things is not only wrong, but against the law. The swiping of insignificant objects from homes of neighbors and friends is often the first step. Every parent should be alert to this. Punishment should be swift and firm.

If you have trouble getting along with your parents, if you can't get them to let you live your own life, send for Ann Landers' booklet, "Bugged By Parents? How to Get More Freedom." Send 50 cents in coin with your request and a long, stamped, self-addressed envelope.

Ann Landers will be glad to help you with your problems. Send them to her in care of this newspaper enclosing a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

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## Plans Under Way for Christmas in Vietnam

Plans to provide Vietnam-based soldiers with Christmas gifts begin this week as the American Red Cross seeks organizational support of the project.

Los Angeles and Orange County Red Cross chapters plan to contribute about 24,000 gift bags, including 10,000 from Los Angeles.

The project includes plans

## Youngsters To Attend Area Camp

A Torrance boy and girl will attend a two-week camp out at Camp Joan Mier beginning Monday, sponsored by the Crippled Children's Society.

Ten-year-old Michael Bonfilio, 3636 Redondo Beach Blvd., and Deborah Velliquette, 11, of 1610 W. 218th St., will go to the ocean view camp for two weeks of recreation with other youngsters in the Los Angeles area.

Activities at the camp include stage productions, story-telling, and physical education under the supervision of Darrel Payne, recreational director of the society.

to sew green denim bags to hold seven or eight gifts and then to serve as carry-alls for the men, according to Los Angeles Chapter project director Mrs. William Smith.

In the southern district, Mrs. H. E. Searles will coordinate the program while work in the southwestern district will be under the direction of Mrs. Charles Blek.

Materials for the bags are to include playing cards, reading matter, writing materials, games and grooming items.

The cost per bag is expected to be \$3.50.

The Red Cross drive for Christmas gifts is an annual project that involves organizations and service groups throughout the nation.

## First Aid Class

The Torrance Lomita Branch of the Red Cross will offer its next Standard First Aid course at the training center, First Street and Western Avenue, San Pedro, starting July 11 from 7 to 9:30 p.m.

The course, which will run for five consecutive Tuesdays, is free and open to all interested individuals.

# A Meeting With Elbie Jay

By TIM O'DONNELL

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I straightened the 10-gallon hat I had been handed at the door, for it had become crooked as I slipped on the sawdust-covered floor. As I asked the fellow standing next to me for a match to light the 10-cent cigar also given me upon entering, I heard one-eyed Joe plunking out "Red River Valley" on an old, rinky-tink piano in the corner.

The old saloon was a strange sight, filled with men in business suits and 10-gallon hats, smoking cigars. Suddenly, the place came alive as one-eyed Joe burst into "Ragtime Cowboy Lyndon" and all present snapped to attention to herald the arrival of the Chief Executive known affectionately to his fans as Elbie Jay.

It was then I came to the stark realization that I was at one of Elbie's famed press-conferences.

As He strode to the front of the room, chaps swishing and spurs jingle-jangle-jingling, He swept off his 15 1/2-

gallon Stetson in a historic gesture of goodwill and bent low, revealing a Roman-lettered HOWDY embossed across the top of his fuzzy head. It had, He explained later, been done by his wife, Birdie Bird.

Elbie mounted the podium to begin his address. Closer examination showed it wasn't a podium at all, but a large sawhorse with a saddle slung over it. The stillness was almost deafening as we awaited his first words. They came.

"How're ye'all?" He drawled. There came shouts of "Jes' fahn, Elbie," and "Right well, suh."

"As yew know," began the 36th President, "this room was formally the 'Blue Room' or somethin' like that, but ole Birdie-Bird got to thinkin' about it, and she jes' rahred back and done turned it into the 'Longbranch Room.' What y'all think about that?"

Cries of glee and approval were voiced by all.

"One o' the reasons I called y'all in heah today is to 'nounce a Great Society party

thet will take place raht heah. An' jes' to deesspell any doubts 'bout mah troo feelin's on Civil Rahts, we gonna hold the shin-dig on the anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation." (Cheers).

"I am even gonna go so fer as to fly in Sammy Davis Jr. and the entire Golden Boy cast... but jes' to clean up afterwards; we don' wanna push this Civil Rahts thang too fast. Y'know, Sammy jes' writ a book called, 'Yes I Can'; well, I jes' cabled him a cablegram readin', 'Oh no yew cain't!'"

A voice came from the audience, high-pitched, perhaps the first question from the press.

"Mister President..." "I'm sho glad yew asked thet, son," interjected Elbie, exhibiting his inimitable charm and way with words.

"I been a-meanin' to cleah up a lot o' thangs bein' said 'bout me in the new mediams et sateruh. They been sayin' all sorts o' dreadful stuff, includin' thet Isreal-Hayrab af-faiah, my so-called goldbrick-

in' trips abroad, the Viget Nammy thang and jes' a whole corral full o' other stuff.

"In ansuh to all those acuzations who been acuzed at me, I would like to ask y'all a question, 'Now, y'all don' think yore ole Uncle Elbie'd do y'all thet-a-way, do y'all?'"

There were, of course, tears from many, and some raised their quivering, emotion-filled voices to the Chief Executive with cries of, "Of Course not, Elbie," or "Lawd no!"

Elbie's huge earlobes shook with vigor as He chuckled at the loyalty of his press.

"I jes' knew y'all wuz with me. Weell, we got time enough for one mo' question, Yes... you."

A small man, visible to only a few because of his remote position in the back of the room, directed his thin, pithy voice toward The Man.

"Mister President," he began, "is it true that you are acclaimed by most political scientists, world leaders and the American public to be the most intelligent, impressive,

handsome, prudent, and in general the best leader in history?"

Smiling that modest smile and raising those modest eyes, Elbie Jay admitted, "Yes, yes, it's all true; and Hubert, if yew would jes' read 'em the way I rote 'em, instead of leavin' out all them superlatives, maybe I won't have yore mouth sewed up come election time again."

"Well, it's 'bout time this ole cowpoke'd better be a-turnin' in. So 'till I see y'all again, here's hopin' none of yew goes to thet last big roundup in the sky."

One-eyed Joe began to stumble furiously into "Sweet Dreams, Little Buckaroo." Elbie let out with a rebel yell, pulled the two sixguns hanging at his sides from their ebony holsters, and shot out all the lights He had seen it once in a Ronald Reagan movie).

One by one we reporters filed out, but a heavy smell of steer manure pervaded the summer Washington air.

## Your Second Front Page Press-Herald

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## Hometown Singers Face Busy Summer

"For the love of music" and at the annual aquacade to be held Friday, Aug. 11 and 12, along with a carnival.

"We are willing to sing anything and everything from Bach to Beatles. We try to vary our program," Wittel remarked.

Rehearsal for the Singers is every Monday from 7:30 to 10 p.m. at the Joslyn Recreation Center, 3335 Torrance Blvd.

"Everyone is welcome and no experience is necessary to

join. This is where singers can get practice and good development," Wittel said.

In addition to the Hometown Singers, the Torrance Recreation Department has expanded the chorus and musical program to include a Boys Chorus and a Youth Chorus.

The Boys Chorus, ages 9 to 12, meets on Mondays from 9:30 to 11 a.m.

THE JOSLYN Center Youth Chorus, for boys and girls ages 9 to 14, will take registrants until June 30th. Children ages 9 to 12 rehearse on Mondays from 1:15 to 2:45, while ages 12 to 14 practice at 3 to 4:30 p.m. Meetings continue at the Joslyn Recreation Center every Monday until the end of August.

"All of the chorus groups will perform in a combined concert at the end of the summer," Wittel pointed out.

Further information about the singing programs is available at the Joslyn Recreation Center.

## Class for New Parents Scheduled

A Red Cross expectant parents course will be taught at the Little Company of Mary Hospital, 4101 Torrance Blvd., beginning next Monday.

The course, to be given Mondays and Wednesdays from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. for expectant fathers and mothers, will consist of seven class sessions, taught by a Red Cross nurse.

The course will give confidence to the expectant parents by training them, among other things, to prepare for the baby's arrival; to hold, bathe, feed, change and burp the baby; and generally to care for him through the first year of life.

## Gets New Post

Dr. Roger W. Russell, dean of advanced studies at Indiana University and a professor of psychology, has been named vice chancellor for academic affairs at the University of California at Irvine.

CORAGENE "Corky" BEARD To Manage Office

## Chamber Gets New Manager

Coragene "Corky" Beard has been named new office manager of the Redondo Beach Chamber of Commerce by R. S. "Dick" Fitzgerald, general manager of the chamber.

Miss Beard has been active in South Bay Chamber of Commerce circles for several years and has held similar positions in both the El Segundo and Hermosa Beach chambers.

A native of California, she was born in Susanville. The 29-year-old office manager is a graduate of Redondo Union High School and attended El Camino College.

She succeeds Mrs. Claire Henson, who held the post for four years.

"The Redondo Chamber is indeed fortunate to have obtained the services of such a well-trained, capable, respected, and personable young lady," Fitzgerald commented.

## COUNT MARCO

## 'Slaves' Sold a Bill of Goods

Men have certainly changed their views on women during the past half century. In 1890 one hale author encouraged the women of his era ever onward in their fight for equality. Said he, gloatingly, about the progress already made:

"Thousands of women are slaves to husbands who punish them as they do dumb brutes. Thousands are in a state of destitution and novelty; thousands are sacrificing to idols, thousands are being robbed of their virtue."

"Thousands are dragged down to woe, misery, and want. Thousands are in saloons, theaters, and other dens of iniquity against their desires. Notwithstanding all this cruelty, oppression, and abuse, this age to women is one of sunshine!"

Sunshine indeed! I would call that the understatement of the year 1890. What a

gloomy individual he must have been. It took that kind of a man to inspire those idiot women to march in parades demanding the same rights men had.

And who joined him? Bored, lonely women with no men to keep them cooking, sewing, and baking at home. As my aunt the Contessa always said, "Idle hands are the handmaidens of the devil."

This same man complained that women prior to 1890 were an unhappy lot.

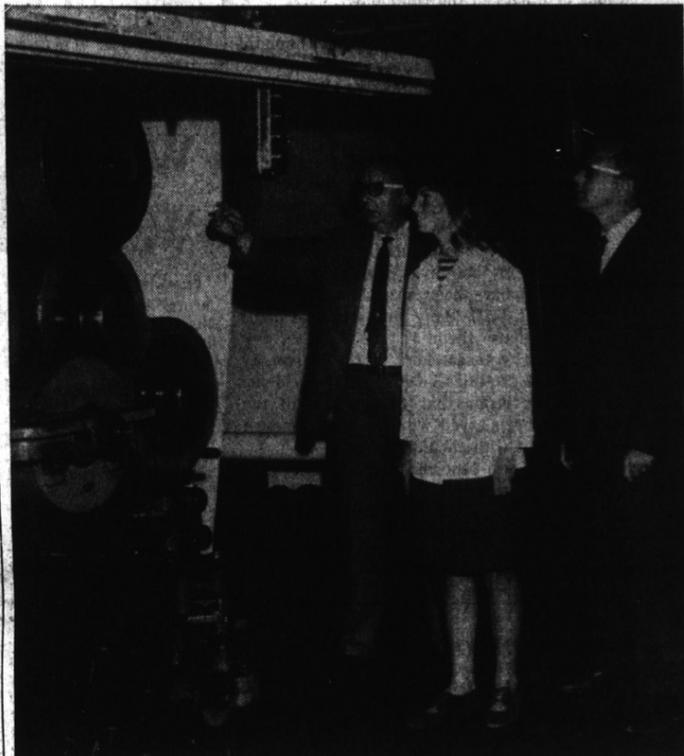
"They had labored," he said, "under the sting of centuries of wrong and cruelty." He cautioned women against the horrors that had once been their lot, "women were considered a mere ornament by men; and by some a thing of beauty at which to look; by some in instrument for singing and merrymaking; and by some a servant of do-

mestic utility."

If any woman, at least any red-blooded woman, had a sense, I'm sure she crossed him off her list as not the kind to have fun with on a moonlit night. It was poor, misguided, lonely creatures without men of their own who followed him to greater independence and eventually impoverished loneliness, which is a state women get into when they don't have a man.

Unfortunately, independence brought indifference from the male breast. He didn't want a buddy, he wanted a sweetheart.

So from where you once were the playthings of kings, you dissolved to playing with anything just so long as he filled a couple of lonely hours for you. Return to total femininity. Lead with your love, not your chin.



TOURS PRESS ROOM... The Torrance Press-Herald's 1967 Journalism Scholarship winner, Rita Prueter, gets her first close-up look at the huge rotary presses used to print the newspaper. Pointing out details of the press is Reid L. Bundy (left) editor and co-publisher of the Press-Herald. Tom Rische, former staff writer for the paper and now journalism instructor at South High, looks on at the right. (Press-Herald Photo)

## Press-Herald Grant Won By South High Graduate

A spring graduate of South High School has been named winner of the annual Torrance Press-Herald Journalism Scholarship and is beginning her studies in journalism this summer with the view toward making newspaper work her career.

Rita L. Prueter, the 18-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Prueter, 23440 Kathryn Ave., was selected for the

scholarship on the basis of her high school academic achievement, her many extracurricular activities, and her expressed desire to make journalism a career.

During her studies at South High, Miss Prueter was active in the Forensic League; the Athens, girls' service group; the public relations committee of the Girls' League, and on the staff of the Sword and

Shield, student newspaper.

During her freshman year at St. Bernard's in Playa Del Rey, she was class president and active in other school organizations.

Training in journalism has begun at El Camino College where Rita enrolled last week in Journalism I for summer studies. She wants to complete two years of journalism study here and then enter Boulder University in Colorado to complete her training, she reports.

Miss Prueter is the second winner of the scholarship which was offered for the first time last year. Janice Cohn of North High won the 1966 award and began her studies in journalism at the University of Southern California.

## Fair Plans To Display Minerals

Gem and mineral displays, competitive and non-competitive, will again be featured at the Los Angeles County Fair in Pomona Sept. 15 through Oct. 1.

Modified California Federation of Mineralogical Societies judging rules and standard classifications will be used for the competitive exhibits which include cabochons, polished flats, spheres, jewelry, mineral specimens and fossils.